

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:

RIEPING et al.

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For: **Fermentation Process for the
Preparation of L-Amino Acids
Using Strains of the Family
Enterobacteriaceae**

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Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In advance of prosecution, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 14 of the specification, please delete the paragraph that starts on line 9, and replace it with the following new paragraph:

A pure culture of the Escherichia coli K-12 strain DH5 α /pMAK705 was deposited on 8th September 2000 at the Deutsche Sammlung für Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen (DSMZ = German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures, Braunschweig, Germany) in accordance with the Budapest Treaty as DSM 13720.

Remarks

The amendment above was made to correct the date of the deposit. The amendment does not add new matter to the application, and its entry is therefore respectfully requested.

It is believed that the present application is now in condition for immediate allowance and early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a phone call may help to expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' undersigned attorney at (703) 905-2173

Respectfully submitted,

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